ARA changes required meal plans

By Kenyon D. Potter

Beginning next semester, required student meal plans for on-campus living groups with dining facilities will be the same for all classes, according to General Manager of Food Services John Ledwick, chairman of the MIT Office of Food Services.

Currently, minimum student charges at McCormick Hall, Baker House, MacGregor House, and 500 Memorial Drive vary from $507 for freshmen to $478 for seniors. The new minimum will probably be $605 for all students on a required meal plan, Ledwick said.

This plan will not affect seniors next year; MIT "grandfathered" them because an increase in the meal plan would be unfair, Ledwick said. Members of the junior class on a required meal plan presently pay $551 per term. Current sophomores will see their fees decrease slightly from the $564 they pay this year.

[Although ARA manages the food service, the MIT Office of Food Services is responsible for policy decisions; ARA only make recommendations.]

Renovations to close most ARA services in Student Center

Renovations of the MIT Student Center will begin in August. Construction should last from 12-18 months, closing nearly all ARA services in the building, Ledwick said. After the renovations, the Student Center's food services will be centralized in a "food court." The food area will be housed in an expanded Lobdell, and Twenty Chimneys will be eliminated, he said.

But Ledwick said the Student Center Committee Coffeehouse is definitely "part of our plans," Ledwick assured.

While the Student Center is undergoing its renovations, there will be increased need for lunch facilities, he said. To meet this need, ARA is working on plans for vastly increased seating and non-attended Harvard as an under-graduate and has felt "con- nected to a certain kind of musical tradition which is more alive in Boston than anywhere else outside of my home city I can think of."

Harbison has taught Twenty-First-Century Music (21.638), Harmony and Counterpoint (21.448/21.442), and Music Composition (21.661). Harbison told The Globe, "I've done very little teaching of composition, and I'm still puzzled over whether or not it's doable."

The 1987 Pulitzer Prize winner for musical composition on April 16. Harbison won the prize for his Concerto for Orchestra, and the Cantata Singers will perform it.

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